Engagement of foreign Technicians by PFPL

4764. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have acceded to the request from Pepsi Foods Private Limited (PFPL) for the engagement of foreign technicians and for payment of the remittance fee to the foreign machinery suppliers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government did not accede to the request of the company for the reason that the company in its Capital Goods application indicated that the import of capital goods does not involve any payment of erection charges in foreign currency.

[*Translation*]

Independent Statutory Status to CBI

4765. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to grant independent statutory status to central Bureau of Investigation by enacting a legislation in this regard; and

(b) if so, the details thereof.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). No decision has been taken by Government to grant independent statutory status to Central Bureau of Investigation by enacting a legislation.

Akashwani Correspondent for Benipatti

4766. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is not even a single correspondent of Akashwani at the zonal headquarter of Benipatti of Madhubani district situated at India-Nepal border; and

(b) if so, the time by which an Akashwani correspondent will be appointed at benipatti keeping in view the importance of the border?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). All India Radio has regular correspondents at the State and Union Territory Capitals, as well as at some very important news centres. All India Radio also has Part-time Correspondents at a large number of district headquarter towns. There is no regular part-time correspondent at Benipatti. However, Benipatti is now being covered by the All India Radio's part-time correspondent at Madhubani.

[*English*]

Committee for Khadi Gramodyog Industry

4767. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high power committee

was appointed to go into the problems and complaints of workers engaged in Khadi Gramodyog Industry;

(b) if so, whether the said Committee has since submitted their recommendations;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the actions initiated by the Government thereon; and

(d) if answer to (b) is in the negative, the reasons thereof and by what time the recommendations are likely to be submitted by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of the answer at (b) this does not arise.

(d) Since the terms of reference of the Committee are exhaustive and covers large number of institutions engaged in the production of Khadi, the Committee needs some more time to submit its report. The Committee has been asked to expedite submission of their recommendations.

Fertilizer Plant in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu

4768. SHRI B. RAJA RAVI VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up a fertilizer plant in Thanjavur district, Tamil Nadu in the co-operative sector using natural gas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Boiled Rice to Kerala

4769. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice, pamolein, kerosene and sugar allotted to Kerala for the Public Distribution System for the last three years;

(b) whether the Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala for the allotment of boiled rice for the distribution; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The quantities of rice, sugar, imported edible oil and kerosene allotted to Government of Kerala for the Public Distribution System for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991 are as under:—